

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives always welcomes the opportunity to salute those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be invaluable members of their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Tom Holley of Shrewsbury, Missouri, has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for the quality of his diverse endeavors at the workplace and in the community; and

Whereas, a 1969 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Tom Holley attended seminary for two years before returning to work in his family's business; and

Whereas, now age fifty-four, Tom Holley has worked in all facets of the retail industry for more than thirty years, including marketing, operations, and merchandising; and

Whereas, Tom Holley served fifteen years as Chief Executive Officer of GrandPa's, a regional discount chain which successfully competed against Wal-Mart and other national chains before being sold to Value City Department Stores in November 1999; was involved in the startup of Forsythe Computers, which was sold to a leveraged buyout firm in the 1980s; and assumed responsibility as Chief Executive Officer at Deal\$, known for its slogan, "Nothing Over A Dollar"; and

Whereas, in addition to his stellar history of retail leadership, Tom Holley devotes much of his time and energy to spiritual matters as a Deacon at Green Tree Community Church; and

Whereas, Tom Holley can rest assured that his hard work and effective efforts are greatly appreciated by the community of Shrewsbury since he has now capped his ongoing legacy with special status as the Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce 2001 Shrewsbury Business Person of the Year:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Tom Holley as the 2001 Shrewsbury Business Person of the Year and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations at this milestone event in his life and our best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Tom Holley, 2001 Shrewsbury Business Person of the Year.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

